IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Edward B. Dakin et al. Serial No.: 10/629,007 Filed: July 29, 2003) Examiner: Julian W. Woo) Art Unit: 3731
	For: INTERNAL CORD FIXATION DEVICE
Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as set forth below. Changes are shown with deletions being designated by strike-through or double-brackets and insertion of new language being underlined.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.